

REMARKS

Applicants affirm the election of Group I.

The undersigned thanks Examiner Rickman for indicating allowance of claims 5 and 6 if re-written in independent form including the limitations of base and intervening claims. Claim 5 depends from claim 3, which in turn depends from claim 1. Claim 1 now includes the limitations of claims 3 and 5. Thus, claim 1 should now be allowed. All remaining non-withdrawn claims now depend from claim 1. Thus, all claims should now be allowable.

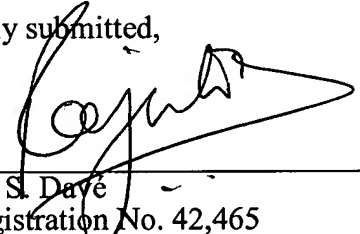
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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